



Hurricane Harvey 2017  
9/26/2017 – 0700 CDT Update

***Updates will be issued on Tuesdays and Fridays going forward. The next update will be issued Friday morning, September 29, 2017.***

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The Houston Branch continues to consolidate orphan containers from the Corpus Christi, Houston and Beaumont Branches for proper disposal. The Houston Branch completed waste characterization on September 23, 2017. Disposal is projected to be completed within 14 days.
- The Corpus Christi, Houston and Beaumont Branches have transitioned the remaining orphan container recovery activities to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Regional offices for completion.
- EPA Teams from the Beaumont Branch continued monitoring the LD Construction Co. Oil Spill in Lumberton, Texas. The Responsible Party had a 23-man crew on site conducting cleanup of the two most oil-impacted properties. Operations included removal of oil contaminated soil and vegetation and decontamination of personal property (boats, trailers, ATVs, etc). Further assessments identified five additional properties with oil contamination. This brings the total number of impacted properties to ten. Oversight of the removal will continue during the week of September 25, 2017.
- On September 22, 2017, EPA received a Pollution Removal Funding Authorization (PRFA) for \$1,700,000 from the U.S. Coast Guard to provide technical assistance with data, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Incident Action Plan (IAP) support along with continued use of the Corpus Christi Incident Command Post to support the US Coast Guard and Texas General Land Office vessel recovery efforts. The PRFA is for the next three months.
- EPA will update community environmental justice (EJ) advocates in its weekly Hurricane Harvey conference call today, September 26, 2017.

## **COMMUNITY LIAISONS**

Community Liaison teams continue to provide information regarding returning to flooded areas and handling of house-hold waste in the counties of San Patricio, Refugio, Calhoun, Harris,

Liberty, Wharton, Aransas, Chambers, Newton, Nueces, Fort Bend, San Jacinto, Orange and Jefferson. The plan is for these teams to continue activities until October 23, 2017. The teams are listening to concerns from the community, associated with the recovery effort, and transferring this information back to County officials and, as appropriate, to ESF contacts in the Joint Field Office (JFO).

## DEBRIS OBSERVATIONS

Joint EPA and TCEQ field observation teams continue to observe debris staging and landfill operations within Harris, Chambers, Brazoria and San Jacinto counties in Texas to ensure best practices and program requirements are being met. EPA observers visited 11 sites with TCEQ on September 25, 2017. FEMA reported that 177 debris sites have been approved. Currently, FEMA estimates debris to total 19.25 million cubic yards. A federal Debris Management Taskforce has been established at the Joint Field Office (JFO) in Austin and EPA is a member of the Taskforce.

## ORPHAN CONTAINER & WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS

Items/Materials Processed for Disposal as of 9/25/17						
	Drums [55gal]	Small Containers [< 55gal]	Large Containers [> 55gal]	Cylinders	Solid Waste/Roll Off Box	Total Scrap Metal Recycled (lbs)
Total received at all Staging Pads	427	397	43	120	4	5,000
Processed for Disposal						
Total processed for disposal	304	397	29	71	3	
Remaining to be Processed for Disposal	123	0	14	49	1	
<b>Percent Remaining</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>25%</b>	

## FUNDING

September 25, 2017, UPDATED 1300 hours

Funding Sources	Funding Ceiling	Funding Ceiling Less Indirect	Obligated to Date	Estimated Spent to Date	Unobligated Dollars Remaining	Estimated Unspent Dollars Remaining	Daily Burn Rate	Days Remaining
Non Mission Assignment	N/A			\$64,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-01	\$275,000.00	\$242,741.00	\$77,064.00	\$77,064.00	\$165,677.00	\$165,677.00	\$2,032.00	81.53
MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-04	\$3,301,270.60	\$2,914,000.00	\$1,974,229.00	\$512,606.96	\$939,771.00	\$2,401,393.04	\$148,726.72	See Below
Totals:	\$3,576,270.60	\$3,156,741.00	\$2,051,293.00	\$653,870.96	\$1,105,448.00	\$2,502,870.04		
Days remaining based on authorized direct ceiling minus total payroll, travel, and contracts EXPENDED								16.15
Days Remaining based on authorized ceiling minus total payroll, travel, and contract OBLIGATIONS								7.43

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MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-03 (Expired)	\$12,192,000.00	\$10,761,763.00	\$7,619,781.41	\$6,456,966.96	\$3,141,981.59	\$4,304,796.04	Expired	Expired